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RE: Shigetaro SHIMADA

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On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 102.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

SHIGETARO SHIMADA

BORN : 24 September 1883

RESIDENCE: Tokyo

RANK : Military Class

FAMILY : Father - MEISHU - Sep 23, 1859
Mother - TAKA - Sep 20, 1856

1901 Dec 16 Assigned as a student at the Naval Academy (Naval Academy)

1904 Nov 14 Graduated from the Naval Academy;
Ordered as a Naval Cadet (Navy Department);
Assigned aboard the Kanzaki-Maru (Navy Department)

1905 Jan 3 Released from assignment on the Kanzaki-Maru and assigned
aboard the Izumi (Navy Department)

Aug 31 Promoted to Ensign;
Assigned to the Izumi (Navy Department)

Oct 4 Conferred 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade

1906 Feb 16 Assigned aboard the Anekawa-Maru for training (Navy Department)

Jul 6 Relieved of assignment on the Izumi and attached to the
7th Division

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1906 Apr 1 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Single Ray of the Rising Sun (Granted ¥350.00 and received the War Medal, Russo-Japanese War - 1905)

1907 Aug 5 Relieved of current duties and assigned as a student of General Courses at the Gunnery School
Sep 28 Promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) (Cabinet)
Nov 30 Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade
Dec 16 Released as student at the Gunnery School and assigned as a student at the Naval Torpedo School in a general course (Navy Department)

1908 Apr 20 Released from the General Course of the Naval Torpedo School (Navy Department);
Attached to the Training Division (Navy Department)
Oct 23 Relieved of current duties and assigned aboard the Niitaka (Navy Department)
Dec 23 Released from assignment aboard the Niitaka and reassigned to the Otowa (Navy Department)

1909 Oct 1 Released from assignment on the Otowa and ordered to assume temporary duties on the Otowa (Navy Department)
Oct 11 Promoted to Lieutenant;
Appointed Divisional Officer of the Otowa
Nov 16 Relieved of current duties and appointed Divisional Officer of the Yokosuka Naval Barracks
Dec 20 Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade

1910 May 23 Relieved of current duties;
Assigned as student of Class B of the Naval War College
Dec 1 Reassigned as student of advanced courses at the Naval Torpedo School

1911 May 23 Released as student after completion of course;
Appointed Tsukuba Divisional Officer

1912 Apr 15 Relieved of current duties and appointed Divisional Officer of Settsu
May 24 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Grade

1913 Dec 1 Relieved of current duties and assigned as student of Class A of the Naval War College

1915 Jan 30 Conferred the 6th Court Rank (Junior Grade)

1915 Sep 25 Appointed as an Attendant of Referees for the Grand Naval Maneuvers (War Department)

Dec 13 Promoted to Lt. Com.;
Released as student on completion of the Class A student course at the Naval War College;
Appointed Gunnery Officer of the Shikishima

1916 Feb 10 Relieved of current duties and ordered to station in Italy

Aug 1 Concurrently appointed as an assistant in the Italian Embassy

1915 Nov 7 Received the medal of war of 1914-1915

1917 Nov 27 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Grade

Dec 1 Assigned as Naval Attaché in the Italian Embassy (Cabinet);
Relieved of additional post (War Department);
Released from post in Italy (War Department);
Additional appointment as Inspector of Shipbuilding and Manufacturing of Arms (War Department)

Dec 7 Relieved of the additional post as Shipbuilding Inspector (War Department)

1918 Mar 1 Ordered to return to Japan (Cabinet)

Aug 11 Relieved of current duties (Military Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in Italy (Cabinet))

1919 Aug 5 Relieved of additional post (War Department);

Appointed to Staff of the Training Fleet

Sep 25 Appointed as a Staff Officer of the 7th Division while the fleet was being organized as a squadron for the Special Grand Maneuvers in 1919

1920 Jun 30 Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade

May 22 Awarded the 3rd Medal of the Crown by the Emperor of Italy and allowed to wear it (Bureau of Decorations);
Awarded the medal of the 4th Order from the Italian Emperor and allowed to wear it

Jun 3 Relieved of current duties and appointed to the Naval General Staff (Navy Department)

1920 Sep 1 Additionally appointed as a member of the Technical Council of the Naval Technical Headquarters (Navy Department)

Dec 1 Promoted to Commander (Cabinet)

Nov 1 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Small Cordon of the Rising Sun (Granted ¥2,100.00 for meritorious service during War of 1915-1920)

1922 Feb 1 Relieved of current duties and additionally appointed as a member of the Naval Training Headquarters (Navy Department)

Sep 20 Additionally appointed as a member of Army General Staff (War Department)

Nov 20 Relieved of current duties and additional post; Appointed Executive Officer of the HYUGA (Navy Department); Relieved of additional post as member of the Army General Staff (War Department)

1923 Dec 1 Relieved of current duties and appointed as an instructor at the Naval Staff College (Navy Department)

Nov 30 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd Class

1924 Dec 1 Promoted to Captain (Cabinet)

Dec 27 Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade

1926 Oct 15 Relieved of current duties and attached to the Kure Naval District (Navy Department)

Dec 1 Appointed Commander of the 7th Submarine Division (Navy Dept.)

1927 Nov 15 Appointed to serve in the Naval General Staff (Navy Dept.)

1928 Aug 20 Appointed as Captain of the TAMA (Navy Department)

Dec 10 Appointed as Captain of the HIE (Navy Department)

1929 Nov 30 Promoted to Rear Admiral (Cabinet); Appointed Chief of Staff of the 2nd Fleet (Navy Department)

1930 Jan 16 Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade

Dec 1 Appointed as Chief of Staff of the 1st Fleet and additionally as Chief of Staff of the Combined Fleet (Navy Department)

1931 Dec 1 Appointed President of the Naval Submarine School (Navy Dept.)

1932 Feb 2 Appointed Chief of Staff of the 3rd Fleet (Navy Dept.)

Jul 28 Appointed to the Naval General Staff and additionally as a member of the Naval Technical Council (Navy Department)

1933 Aug 25 Specially ordered attached to the Military Inspector (Navy Dept.)

Oct 1 Appointed as Chief of Class A of the Naval General Staff and Additionally as member of Naval Technical Council (Navy Dept.)

Oct 19 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 2nd Class

1934 Nov 15 Promoted to Vice Admiral (Cabinet)

Dec 1 Conferred the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade

1935 Feb 20 Appointed to serve in the Naval General Staff (War Dept.)

1934 Apr 29 Decorated with the Imperial Military Order of the Golden Kite, 3rd Class (Annuity: ¥750.00)

1934 Apr 29 Awarded the Imperial Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun (meritorious service - War of 1931-1934)

1935 Dec 2 Appointed as Vice Chief of the Naval General Staff (Navy Dept.)

Nov 4 Appointed as a member of the Reform Council on Instruction and Learning (Cabinet)

Dec 10 (Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 85) Appointed as a member of the Investigation Council of National Resources (Cabinet)

Nov 13 Appointed Court official of the Imperial Household (Imperial Household)

1937 Dec 1 Relieved of current duties;
Appointed Commander of the 2nd Fleet (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)

Dec 9 Relieved as Court official of the Imperial Household (Imperial Household)

1937 Nov 20 Appointed member of the Navy Preparedness Board of the Imperial Headquarters (Navy Department)

Dec 15 Conferred 4th Court Rank, Senior Grade

1938 Nov 2 Awarded a set of silver cups (Meritorious Service - Anti-Comintern Pact of Japan and Germany)

Nov 15 Relieved of current duties;
Appointed as Commander of the Kure Naval District
(Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)

1939 Apr 13 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 1st Class

1940 May 1 Appointed Commander of the China Area Fleet (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)

Apr 15 Appointed to serve in the Naval General Staff (Navy Dept.)

Nov 15 Promoted to Admiral (Cabinet)

1940 Dec 2 Conferred the 3rd Court Rank (Junior Grade)

1941 Sep 1 Relieved of current duties;
Appointed Commander of the Yokosuka Naval District
(Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)
Additionally appointed as a member of the Naval Officers' Council (Navy Department)

Sep 10 Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun

Oct 18 Appointed Minister of the Navy (Cabinet)

1940 Apr 29 Decorated with the Imperial Military Order of the Golden Kite, 2nd Class;
Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun (Meritorious Service: China Incident)

1942 Dec 15 Conferred 3rd Court Rank (Senior Grade)

1944 Feb 19 Appointed as Chief of the Naval General Staff (Cabinet)

Jul 17 Relieved of current duties at his own request (Cabinet);
Specially granted the privileges of his former post (Cabinet)

Aug 2 Appointed to the Supreme War Council (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)

1945 Jan 20 Placed on the Reserve Status at his request (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Navy Department)

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